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## The Morning Star.

### OUTLINES.

Senator Daniel discussed the Panama question yesterday. —The Senate passed the bill for the construction of a light-house at Hatteras, N. C. —Frank Wilson, baseball player, shot and killed a negro barber in Montgomery, Ala. —The treaty for the extension of commercial relations between the United States and China was ratified by the Senate. —Brig. Gen. Elliott, commandant of the marine corps, is expected to sail for Colon shortly on the cruiser Dixie. —The second torpedo boat flotilla arrived at Charleston from Norfolk. —Jury in case of J. E Starke, charged with murder of J. F. Angel, at Jacksonville, Fla., failed to agree on a verdict. —Flying machine, invented by Wright Brothers, of Dayton, Ohio, sailed three miles at Kitty Hawk, N. C., Thursday. —New York markets: Money on call easy at 2@3½ per cent; cotton quiet at 13.08; flour was more active and firmer; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red 91½; corn—spot firm, No. 2 55c; oats—spot firm, No. 2 43c; rosin steady, strained common to good, $2 55; spirits turpentine quiet.

### WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 18.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 33 degrees; 8 P. M., 36 degrees; maximum, 45 degrees; minimum, 27 degrees; mean, 36 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.09.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—For North Carolina: Fair, warmer Saturday; rain at night on Sunday; fresh to brisk northeast to southeast winds.

**Port Almanac—December 19.**

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| Sun Rises | 7.06 A. M. |
| Sun Sets | 4.48 P. M. |
| Day's Length | 9 H. 46 M. |
| High Water at Southport. | 8.38 P. M. |
| High Water Wilmington. | 11.08 P. M. |

We would not fall overboard at all, if the sudden announcement is made that Atlanta parents had decided hereafter to name all the girl babies Atlanta. Everything is Atlanta in the Gate City, anyhow.

The New York *Tribune* (*Rep.*) publishes an editorial under the title of "Rules of the Road." Republicans need no fresh instructions. They safely travel the graft route even if it is crooked.

A dispatch from Toronto, Canada, states that during the season just ended forty-seven men were killed while hunting deer in Ontario. That list of killed is contemptible alongside of the number put out of business over here while hunting dears.

The credulity of the American people must be of the India rubber variety, if it is expected to take in Secretary Root's spiel as against the sworn testimony of General Brooke and the scores of other witnesses who have testified in the General Wood investigation.

During the Gen. Lenard Wood investigation at Washington, somebody has lied more than the St. Nicholas Mooi man. Secretary Root, after keeping his shirt on for days and days, now comes out and says the testimony sent out was garbled All hands sing, "Little pig, big pig, Root hog or die."

The Newton *Enterprise* a few days ago had an item headed "A Letter from Grover." At first we thought it was Joe Caldwell's Grover, but it appears that there is a place near Newton by that name and it was just a neighborhood letter the *Enterprise* had printed.

The advanced January number of *Pearson's Magazine* has been received. The cover scheme is artistic and the contents embrace interesting articles on various topics. Excellent illustrations accompany the articles. Price 10 cents. New York.

Somebody in Savannah passed off a counterfeit $100 bill on Senator Ben Tillman, and a few days ago it was discovered that a big moonshine still has been in operation on his plantation without his knowing it. First thing he knows, Roosevelt will swap him a gold-brick for his pitchfork.

Some hot air puffer makes the announcement that a European surgeon has discovered a method of making short people tall by simply manipulating the legs and ankles of the patient. We emphatically dispute this, for if leg-pulling would do that, we would have been as box-ankled as a Republican and as tall as the Colossus of Rhodes.

You can't fail to notice those luminous "Charlotte" date lines in the papers of the whole world whenever it is necessary to speak of the South's cotton manufacturing business. It is a matter of pride that our sister North Carolina city has actually become the recognized centre of cotton manufacturing in the cotton States. How we envy Charlotte, when it comes to this!

## "A MODERN SHAKESPEARE."

**Brilliant Society Production by Home Talent at the Academy in January. The Cast of Characters.**

Wilmington society is much interested in the forthcoming theatrical production of "A Modern Shakespeare" in the Academy of Music here on Wednesday evening, January 6th, under the auspices of the Wilmington Light Infantry. Over half a hundred of the most prominent young people in the city are included in the cast, and rehearsals are being held almost nightly.

One of the big features will be a fancy drill by a picked squad from the ranks of the company, in command of Lieut. J. McRee Hatch, and another will be camp fire songs with scenic effects by the W. L. I. treble quartette. Another spectacular feature will be a brilliant fancy dance by pupils of Miss Leonora Cantwell's dancing classes. The cast for the production proper has been announced as follows:

Prof. Justitian Babbitt, President of Columbia University.....
.....Mr. Thos. H. Wright.
Dr. Harry Damask, his muchly married son-in-law.....
.....Mr. W. F. Robertson.
Lord Mulberry, of the English Nobility.....Mr. A. P. Adrian.
Jack Mulberry, "Me Lord's" son and an actor.....Mr. George P. James.
Manager Marcus Brutus Soap, a Shakespesean exponent of 48 calibre.
.....Mr. Jas. H. Cowan.
Denny Prowl, who hates everything and everybody.....Mr. Louis Hall
Nisbe Babbitt, a charming young miss of 16.....Miss Janie Williams.
Angelico Babbitt Damask, who insists on her "Hubby" having a past.....
.....Miss Tallulah DeRosett.
Mrs. Justitian Babbitt, an iron clad queen of domestic bliss (?).....
.....Miss Belle Anderson.
Susan, who dreams of actors and plays.....Miss Nellie McMillan.

## LOCAL DOTS.

— Other local, fourth page.

— The police station was cleaned up and scoured yesterday for the "holiday trade."

— Handsome new pool tables have just been installed in the amusement parlors of the Elks' Temple.

— The white teachers of the county will hold their usual monthly meeting at the Court House this morning.

— The road roller is not yet out of the City Hall yard. Other repairs than those included in the contract with Mr. Whitlock may be required before "she" will consent to move.

— Messrs. Burriss & Selvia have applied for a permit to build a one-story, frame dwelling for John D. James, on Sixth between Queen and Wooster streets.

— Mrs. Elizabeth Piner, who was so severely injured in the trolley car accident on Wednesday, was resting very well at the hospital last night. Her condition is very favorable.

— The country schools will close for the holidays next Wednesday evening. Appropriate Christmas exercises have been arranged at the East Wilmington, Delgado and Middle Sound schools.

— Steamer "Hurt" cleared yesterday for Fayetteville. Steamer "A. J. Johnson" arrived Thursday night from Point Caswell and returned yesterday, where she will tie up on account of low water.

— The concert in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium last night, under the auspices of the N. C. Sorosis, was an artistic success, but was not attended as largely as it should have been. The audience was highly pleased.

—J. T. Burke, the jeweller, No. 27 South Front street, calls attention to an exceedingly pretty line of holiday novelties he has in stock for the Christmas trade. His window display is one of the prettiest in the city.

— Dull times are these with the police. Not a dozen arrests have been made during the week—the quiet before Christmas storm next week. Mayor Springer had no court yesterday for want of defendants.

— Jim Judge, who threatened his mother and sister, was sent to jail by Justice Bornemann yesterday in default of $50 peace bond. The arrest of Judge by 'Squire Bornemann was referred to in these columns yesterday morning.

— Dr. Joseph Akerman, the popular surgeon in charge of the James Walker Memorial Hospital, returned yesterday from Norfolk, where he attended the annual meeting of the Seaboard Medical Society. Dr. Akerman read a very interesting and instructive paper to the Society entitled a "Report on Some Surgical Cases."

— Atlanta *Constitution*: "The Seaboard Air Line Railway has inaugurated a new parlor car service between Portsmouth and Hamlet, in connection with trains Nos. 38 and 41, coming into Atlanta. It will consist of sleeper, buffet and combination cars, and will be one of the finest that is run on any of the lines of the country."

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Hamme—Nice present.
J. T. Burke—It's up to you.
Notice—Commissioner's sale.
J. W. Plummer Jr.—Candies.
Academy of Music—Rip Van Winkle
J.H. Rehder & Co.—For Christmas.
J. M. Solky & Co.—Christmas goods

### BUSINESS LOCALS.

R. C. Applewhite—Wood for sale.
C. R., L. & P. Co.—Reading lamps.

Notice the window at J. T. Burke's, The Jeweller. †

## HOT SHOT FOR S. A. L.

**Chamber of Commerce Condemns Policy of Seaboard Air Line Toward Wilmington.**

**VINDICATION FOR MEARES.**

**Peremptory Dismissal of General Agent Here Called Forth Storm of Disapproval from Business World. Caustic Remarks.**

Disclaiming any purpose to intermeddle in private affairs and regretting the necessity for such action, the Chamber of Commerce at a special called meeting yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock, adopted a resolution offered by Mr. S. P. McNair, expressing deep regret at the removal of Capt. T. D. Meares from the Seaboard Air Line general agency here and incidentally condemning in rather caustic terms the policy of the company toward Wilmington, declaring that policy shortsighted and ascribing the same by intimation as responsible for any disappointment that the company may have encountered in its expectations from this port. There was some variance of opinion at first as to whether the question of the attitude of the road toward Wilmington should not be considered at a separate meeting from that called for the purpose of giving expression to the views of the Chamber upon the dismissal of Mr. Meares, but the resolution, which was finally adopted, embraced both features of the subject and was the same as that originally introduced, divested of its details.

The meeting having been called to order the call for the same promulgated by Mr. W. H. Brown and signed by some forty of the leading shippers of the port was read. The following were noted in attendance: President J. A. Taylor, Vice President S. P. McNair, Secretary James Kyle, Messrs. H. W. Malloy, W. E. Worth, R. W. Price, James I. Metts, Walker Taylor, W. J. Woodward, G. H. Smith, O. H. Wright, H. G. Smallbones, W. H. Brown, S. T. Ashe, H. K. Nash, J. C. Stevenson, Jno. H. Brown, Wm. F. Robertson, G. J. Boney, J. K. Corbett, J. T. King, J. E. Crow, Wm. Calder, W. G. Sale and Jno. T. Rankin. The object of the meeting having been outlined in the call, Mr. McNair read his resolution which, without the rather lengthy preamble and specification of details, was as follows and as was finally adopted:

MR. MCNAIR'S RESOLUTION.

"While distinctly disclaiming any desire or purpose to interfere in the private affairs of the Seaboard Air Line, we must nevertheless express our very deep regret at the summary dismissal of Mr. T. D. Meares from the Wilmington agency. Mr. Meares has filled the position of General Agent with fidelity and ability, and we believe has handled the situation as well as any one could with the powers and facilities at his command. That the service at Wilmington of the S. A. L. has been notoriously inefficient we believe to be a condition inherent in the short sighted policy of the general management, and is not fairly chargable to the agent himself. We take pleasure in bearing testimony to the fact that Mr. Meares has ever used his personal influence to procure business for his road, and if the results have not been satisfactory to the management the shortcoming was always within their power to remedy by supplying the facilities which the situation demanded.

"Nothing more than a liberal policy on the part of the general management towards the Wilmington interests is needed to materially improve the very unsatisfactory conditions, and in the absence of such enlightened policy no efforts of the local agency can avail to sensibly improve the situation."

THE DISCUSSION ENSUES.

The resolution of Mr. McNair having been seconded by Mr. G. Herbert Smith, the question was declared open for discussion.

Mr. Calder said he came to express his regret at Mr. Meares' removal and his confidence in him as an official and a citizen. Under the call he doubted if the meeting had the authority to consider any other question than the removal of Mr. Meares. The statements made in the resolutions respecting the management of the Seaboard might be true, but he thought those who knew them to be so should explain them.

Mr. Stevenson said the resolution had impressed him in the same way as it had Mr. Calder; that he came to express a life-long estimation of a friend. He thought the meeting should confine itself to an expression of confidence in Mr. Meares. He didn't mean to convey the idea that the charges relative to the Seaboard's attitude toward Wilmington were not true, but he thought it would be injudicious to consider the matter at the present meeting. He thought the complaint in that respect should be submitted to a committee for the purpose of taking it up with the Seaboard management.

Mr. Herbert Smith said that from his experience the statements made relative to the company's attitude here was not overdrawn. Within the last twelve months, in his opinion, the Seaboard's service had been worse than it had ever been in the road's history. He had business relations with Mr. Meares since 1877 and he had always been treated considerately. Mr. Meares had done everything possible with the facilities at hand.

Mr. Malloy said he viewed the matter much the same as Mr. Smith. He said Mr. Meares' efficiency, in his opinion, was as great as that of any man the Seaboard could put in Wilmington, and that Mr. Meares had done everything possible to help in the upbuilding of Wilmington. He thought, however, it would be best to submit the complaint as to the Seaboard's policy towards Wilmington to a committee for investigation.

Col. Woodward said as a representative of Alexander Sprunt & Son, he desired to say the firm's business relations with Mr. Meares had always been most pleasant; Mr. Meares had always shown a willingness to accommodate them.

President Taylor requested Mr. Sam. Bear to take the chair and he addressed the meeting. He said he thought it was proper to adopt Mr. McNair's resolution in full, with specification of details, for if the Chamber's endorsement was simply personal and not as to Mr. Meares' official efficiency, the conditions leading up to Mr. Meares' removal could not be explained. He said that during the last three weeks the Seaboard had issued a circular discontinuing a number of flag stations between Wilmington and Hamlet and that Mr. Meares had been active in urging the request of the Chamber to have those stations restored. He was firmly of the opinion that Mr. Meares was the victim of his desire to protect the interests of this community. The Chamber could not, therefore, vindicate him without touching upon the policy of the Seaboard in reference to Wilmington. The whole country between Wilmington and Hamlet was looking to Wilmington for assistance. Wilmington had paid $150,000 toward building the Carolina Central, and such service as the road now offers was not sufficient to its holding its charter. In his opinion Wilmington was treated practically as a flag station and for one he resented it. He submitted that the paper introduced by Mr. McNair did not begin to recite the enormity of the "offence." The Chamber could only maintain its right by fighting like men; not by whitewashing or straddling the fence. If the conditions here leading up to Mr. Meares' dismissal are not included, the resolution falls in effect. Public opinion is the only effective lever that can be used on railroads to adjust discriminations.

Mr. Malloy again spoke and said he heartily agreed with Mr. Taylor but he didn't think it should be acted upon at the present meeting. He thought, too, the charter ought to be forfeited.

Mr. Calder suggested the adoption of Mr. McNair's resolution in so far as it embraced a chrystalization of the general view expressed without going into details. At this juncture the resolution was read. Mr. Calder moved its adoption and the motion was seconded by Mr. Herbert Smith. Mr. Calder speaking to the resolution then said he agreed as to the management and thought the Seaboard freight office the most depressing place of business in the city. It appeared that the company wanted no business or else thought there was none here to be had. The question was then submitted by an aye and naye vote and the resolution was carried without a dissenting voice.

CLERK'S WON'T RESIGN.

The report which gained currency on the streets and which was voiced in this paper yesterday to the effect that the employes of the S. A. L. in this city intended "walking out," was strenuously denied by them yesterday. They regarded any such report as a reflection upon their duty to their employer and said they intended to protect in every way possible the interests of the company and its patrons. The STAR very gladly makes the correction in justice to the Seaboard employer, and regrets that the reports should have been construed as a reflection upon them.

### ELOQUENT PREACHERS COMING.

**Speakers at Y. M. C. A. Meetings—Rev. L. M. Roper To-morrow.**

The men of Wilmington will be pleased to learn that on next Sunday they will have an opportunity of hearing one of South Carolina's most powerful and eloquent speakers. He comes in the person of the Rev. L. M. Roper, pastor of the First Baptist church of Spartanburg. He will address the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. His subject will be "Seven Reasons Why Every Man Should Be a Christian." There will be a special programme of music by the Association male quartette.

On the Sunday of Dec. 27th the speaker will be the Rev. N. M. Watson, the new pastor of Grace M. E. church. This meeting will be open to ladies as well as men, in order that all those of other denominations may hear the gifted preacher. On Sunday, Jan. 3rd, the speaker will be the Rev. W. I. Herbert, of South Carolina, who is another fine speaker, especially to men.

Never before in the history of the city have so many fine speakers visited the Association in single a season and the men should feel pleased that they are being given a rare opportunity to hear many of the ablest preachers in this section of the country without cost and under the most helpful and pleasant conditions. They should not fail to avail themselves of it, as it may not be their good fortune to hear such men again.

### Romeo and Juliet Coming.

Mr. Chas. H. Simmons, business manager of the Romeo and Juliet Company, which will be the Christmas offering at the Academy matinee and night, arrived in the city last night.

### Annual U. D. C. Meeting.

The annual meeting of Cape Fear Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the W. L. I. armory. A full attendance is desired.

Special sale of Dinner Sets, Lamps and Toilet Sets, at Bissinger's China Parlor. 119 Market street. †

## NORTH CAROLINA DAY

**Interesting and Patriotic Observance by Public Schools of Wilmington Yesterday.**

**GIFT OF MR. JAMES SPRUNT.**

**Complete Set of Colonial Records to High School Library—Exercises at Thalestown, Union and Hemenway Were Highly Successful.**

"North Carolina Day" as set apart by the Legislature two years ago, was appropriately observed in the public schools of the city and a few of those in the country on yesterday. The subject chosen for consideration was "The Lower Cape Fear Section" and on that account the exercises were of more than the usual interest here. The subject selected in 1901 was "The First Anglo-Saxon Settlement in America" and following the chronological order of the State's history the subject last year was "The Albemarle Section." The Cape Fear country came next and the State Board of Education prepared a most excellent programme for study. Among the contributors were Col. A. M. Waddell, Mr. James Sprunt, Hon. George Davis, Prof. R. D. W. Connor and others whose names are inseparably linked with the preservation of North Carolina's colonial history especially that portion of it pertaining to the early settlement of the Cape Fear.

The exercises at Union and Hemenway schools were confined to the printed programme but the pupils assigned to the several numbers did great credit to themselves. At Hemenway school Chairman James F. Post was present and complimented the children upon the clever manner in which they acquitted themselves. The Union school exercises were carried out under the supervision of Miss M. E. Cook, the supervising principal.

AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

A special programme of interest and value was observed at the Wilmington High school. The stage in the assembly hall had been artistically decorated by members of the senior class and made an attractive appearance. A number of visitors were present, all of whom expressed themselves delighted with the exercises. Interesting features of the stage decorations were an immense map of North Carolina artistically drawn by Herbert Lynch, a beautiful State flag made by Miss Alice LeGrand and oil portraits of Gov. Dudley and Gov. Vance.

The singing by the High school students was of an exceptionally high order. The accompaniments on the piano were by Miss Bessie LeGwin. The programme was as follows:

Song—"Old North State," by the school.

Biographical Essays of Distinguished North Carolinians—Misses Katie Foard, Lois Toomer, Cynthia Rountree, Amoret Lord and Annie Hill Holmes.

Questions and Answers on the History of the Cape Fear Section—Questions by Tom Grant; answers by the school.

Reading—"Alamon," a poem, by Miss Ray Solomon.

Song—"Flag of the Free," by the school.

Essays on State Institutions—Benevolent Institutions, Miss Marie Russell; Educational Institutions, Miss Annie McKoy.

"Moonrise Among the Pines," a poem, by John Henry.

Reading—"Bower" by Miss Laura Weill.

State Institutions and Resources—Messrs. Milton Gore, Marion Harriss and David Struthers.

Song—"America," by the school.

VALUABLE GIFTS TO SCHOOL.

It was announced that through the efforts and influence of Mr. James Sprunt the High School Library had received a valuable contribution in the nature of a complete set of Colonial Records, embracing eleven volumes. Mr. Sprunt's efforts were successful through the kind assistance of Col. Thos. Kenan, of Raleigh, Mr. M. O. Sherrill, State Librarian, and Governor Aycock. The books make a most valuable addition to the library of North Carolina history at the High School and the authorities and students are very appreciative of Mr. Sprunt's interest. The senior class has done some very valuable work in North Carolina history during the Fall term about to end and expect to do more during the Spring term. The work consists of original investigation into the State's history, the results of which appear in interesting essays.

### THE FIRE THIS MORNING

**One Dwelling Completely Destroyed and Two Others Damaged.**

This morning at 12:45 o'clock fire completely destroyed the residence of Primus Davis, colored, at 814 South Second street. Only a part of the contents were saved. The building was insured for $500 with J. H. Boatwright & Son. No insurance was carried on the furniture.

The two dwellings adjoining, occupied by O. S. Bell and Hester Everett, colored, respectively, and owned by J. T. Foy and R. M. Wescott, respectively, were damaged to the extent of $50 and $25 each. The furniture in the last named buildings was saved. The fire originated from sparks from the chimney of the Davis house and the department responded to an alarm from box 47.

If you want a good light to read by, get one of Bissinger's Lamps. 119 Market street. †

## JABEL REGISTER MUST HANG.

**Supreme Court Finds No Error in Noted Columbus County Trial—An Ex-Sheriff Fined $1,200.**

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 18—Among a long list of opinions handed down by the Supreme Court this evening was one in the case of Andrew C. Biggs, indicted in Greensboro for practicing medicine and surgery without license. He claimed to use a system of drugless healing. The appeal called in question the constitutionality of Chapter 679, Acts of 1903, which defines what the practice of medicine means, and the court, in passing on the case, holds the act unconstitutional in its attempt to provide that the practice of medicine and surgery shall be construed to mean the management for "fee or reward of any class of disease, physical or mental, real or imaginary, with or without drugs."

In the noted suit of Dr. F. W. Eubanks vs. the State Board of Dental Examiners to compel the board to issue him license on an examination which the board pronounced a failure, the Supreme Court holds there was no error in the court below sustaining the State Board.

In the case of Jabel and H. B. Register, under sentence respectively to be hanged and to life imprisonment for murder of Jim Staley and Jesse Soles, of Columbus county, the court finds no error in the trial below. So Jabel Register will be carried to Columbus to pay the death sentence. H. B. Register will enter upon his life sentence.

Former Sheriff C. S. Powell, of Johnson county, was fined $1,200 by Judge Purnell in the Federal Court here to-day for, as storekeeper and gauger, giving opportunity for defrauding the government by moving spirits. He paid the fine.

### PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. J. P. Council, of Wananish, is at The Orton.

— Hon. J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, is at The Orton.

— Mr. E. B. Weed, of Fayetteville, is at The Orton.

— Mr. Nathan O'Berry, of Goldsboro, was here yesterday.

— Mrs. W. E. Mayo and Miss Kate Mayo left Thursday for Philadelphia to visit relatives.

— Messrs. D. T. McNeill and H. P. Little, of Conway, S. C., were guests at The Orton.

— Miss Maud Bullock is at home from the Salem Female Academy to spend the holidays with her parents.

— Mr. Fred R. Mintz, the versatile young editor of the Southport *Standard*, is in the city on a business trip.

— General Passenger Agent W. J. Craig, of the Atlantic Coast Line, is in Augusta this week attending a meeting of the Southeastern Passenger Association.

—Chief Engineer Phillip Platt resumed his position on the steamer "Wilmington," yesterday after a vacation of thirty days. Capt. W. H. Ward relieved "Chief" Platt during his absence.

### SANCTIFIGATION IN "DROSS NECK."

**Colored Woman Charged With Disturbing Religious Meeting—Wilful Trespass.**

Charged with disturbing a religious meeting of a number of colored women who profess sanctification and were assembled in a house near Second and Brunswick streets Friday night, Pinkie Pierce, colored, was given preliminary trial in Justice Fowler's court yesterday. The evidence was, however, insufficient as the worshippers said they were so convulsed with laughter at what "Pinkie" said that they could not proceed. Hattie Mitchell, who was leadin' the meetin', said before she got her religion, she would have chunked "Pinkie" out of a window, but since she "professed," she decided to go to law about it. The location being "Dross Neck," Justice Fowler couldn't reconcile anything religious to the locality anyway and told the disturber to go. She was, however, immediately re-arrested on a charge of wilful trespass and in default of fine, she went to jail.

### Negroes Sue for Money.

Twenty-odd negroes who had been employed by the Hall Tie and Lumber Co., though their counsel, Jno. H. Gore, Jr., Esq., yesterday brought suit before Justice Fowler to recover wages alleged to be due them and ranging in amounts from $1.85 to $4.50. The Hall company is represented by ex-Judge E. K. Bryan and the claim will be set up at the hearing to-day that no demand was ever made upon the defendant for the amount; that the company is ready and willing to pay all its claims at its offices on Water, between Dock and Orange streets. The action of the negroes is declared to be unwarranted.

### Cotton Climbing to Thirteen.

Cotton climbed to the highest pinnacle of the season on the Wilmington market yesterday—12½ cents. The New York spot market yesterday was firm at 13:05. The receipts here yesterday were only 1,799 bales against 2 506 same days last season. Last year on the same date the local market was quoted firm at 8 cents.

Don't forget to take a look as you pass by the window and see the assortment of appropriate Xmas presents at J. T. Burke's, The Jeweller. †

Visit Solky's New Store For Your CHRISTMAS GOODS.

YOU CAN FIND THE HANDSOMEST AND LARGEST LINE OF

XMAS GOODS,

such as Bath-Robes, Smoking Jackets, Neckwear, Fancy Pajamas, Night Shirts, Percale Shirts, Madras Shirts, Umbrellas, Dress Suit Cases, Gentlemen's Travelling Bags, Full Dress Suits, Tuxedo Suits, Overcoats.

Sole Agent for the Celebrated Adler Gloves, every pair guaranteed.

Also a full line of Men's, Boys' and Children's Hats and Caps.

Our line of Suits and Overcoats consists of the Strouse Bros. High Art Clothing, and B. Kuppenheimer & Co.'s guaranteed Clothing. For style, fit and finish they are unsurpassed.

J. M. SOLKY & CO.,

Masonic Temple Building,

One Price Clothiers and Furnishers.

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THE STORE THAT PAYS YOUR CAR FARE.

For Christmas Feasting!

Headley's Chocolates and Bon-Bons, Recognized for Quality.

Half pound sealed attractive packages 25c each; one pound packages 50 cents each.

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The most delicious after dinner confection in the world. Put up in half pound handsome boxes 35c each. Try one box and you will continue to eat CREMOE. Also sold in Confectionery and Drug Stores.

J. H. REHDER & CO.,

dec 19 tf 615, 617, 619 North Fourth St.

For Christmas Sale.

50 Dozen Trefousse Kid Gloves $1.00 per pair.
200 Dozen Handkerchiefs, all kinds.
10 Dozen Lace Collars, 75 cents to $5.00.
35 Pieces Fur, reasonable.
10 Dozen Dolls, 25 cents to $3.50.
30 Dozen Umbrellas, $1.00 to $8.00.
45 Dozen Gent's Ties, Hose, Collars and Cuffs.
15 Dozen Pictures, 25c up.
Also Picture Frames, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Muff Sets for Children, Purses and Bags, Leather and Silk Belts, &c., &c.

Platt & Haar.

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### AGRICULTURE IN THE SCHOOLS.

**New Branch of Study Required to be Taught in Public Institutions.**

County Superintendent Catlett has received a letter from Commissioner of Agriculture S. L. Patterson, of Raleigh, calling attention to the fact that the new School Law requires that Agriculture shall be taught in every public school in the State and asking Prof. Catlett for data to be used in a statistical report which is now being prepared by the Agricultural Department. Prof. Catlett replied that the existence of the law had been overlooked in New Hanover and he was unable, therefore, to make any report. He assured the Commissioner, however, that the matter would be brought to the attention of the County Board of Education here and that the study would be inaugurated, without a doubt, after Christmas. Prof. Catlett has received from the publishers a sample copy of an excellent text book on the subject by Profs. Burkett, Stevens and Hill the A. & M. College, and that will be the one used.

### East Wilmington Entertainment.

A "Rosette Party" was given last night in East Wilmington school house for the benefit of a fund for a Xmas tree there next week. The entertainment was in charge of Misses Margaret Mills and Mary Sinclair and was highly successful. The attendance was good. A number of young people from the city were among those present. Oysters and other refreshments were served.

### Bad Negro Not Tried.

On account of the absence of his attorney, Richard Crawford, the negro arrested by Constable Savage Friday night for attempting to stab another negro at the Compress and holding four others at bay with a knife when they attempted to interfere, was not given a hearing in Justice Fowler's court yesterday as appointed. Brooke G Empie will appear for the negro at 3 P. M. to day.

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# The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 19.


## THE FACT ABOUT THE COTTON SUPPLY.

We note that there is a probability that the cotton manufacturers of England and the continent have taken steps to join the American mill people in the movement to curtail production for several months.

The calls for the conferences of the cotton manufacturers are based on the plea that the price of cotton is too high to leave a profit to the manufacturers. The purpose of the manufacturers, therefore, in curtailing their production is to "bear' the cotton market by lessening the demand of the mills for raw cotton.

If the mill people will look closely into the matter they will probably find that the price of raw cotton is not too high but that the price of the finished product at the mill is too low in comparison to the present price of cotton and the cost of manufacturing it into yarns, knit goods and textile fabrics.

At the principal Southern ports the past day or so the quotations for spot cotton were as follows: Wilmington, 12¼ cents; Galveston, 12¼ cents; Norfolk, 12¼ cents; Baltimore, 12.37½ cents; Philadelphia, 12.95 cents; Savannah, 12 5-16 cents; New Orleans, 12 7-16 cents; Mobile, 12¼ cents; Charleston, 12¼ cents; New York, 12.70 cents. These are good prices, it is true, but they are none too high when the cost of cultivating cotton is considered. The farmers of the South have had their nose on the grindstone of low prices many years, and we seriously doubt if the cost of cultivation on some of the less productive lands has been gotten out of the low prices the staple has brought in some past seasons. The result has been that less cotton has been planted and this, together with unfavorable cotton seasons, drought in sections and the cotton boll weevil in Texas, has cut down the number of bales which the South is capable of producing.

We see, therefore, that the supply of raw cotton is below the demands from the mills of America and Europe. Statistics show that the mills require a minimum of 10,000,000 bales or over, and that from 13,000,000 to 15,000,000 bales as a maximum could be used in manufactures. The crop the past season is below the minimum supply required, and this the speculators were first to ascertain. Under the bull news of the crop, futures kept advancing and the price of spot cotton naturally followed. The mill people, slow to realize the real cause of the advance in prices and confident that the prices were fictitiously high on account of speculation, staid out of the market under the conviction that sooner or later prices would tumble and they could then purchase their supplies. They were simply mistaken, and now they have to either purchase the raw material at the so called high prices, and advance the price of their manufactures proportionately, or else seek by curtailing production to bring prices down to their figures.

As the price of raw cotton has been too low for the producers, it would seem to us that the price of manufactured products should be advanced in order to meet the situation. There is no good reason why the producers should always bear the brunt of the fight, when the burden can be shifted on the whole world which can better afford to take the manufactured products at advanced prices. The world needs the cotton and we don't see why the South should produce it at bare cost or very little profit.

The complaint formerly was that London fixed the prices of cotton, but one feature of the present situation that is gratifying is that for the first time America has fixed the price. The increased consumption of cotton in the United States, brought about by the wonderful growth of the cotton manufacturing industry in the South, has brought about this revolution in the fixing of prices. Our cotton planters will therefore note the advantage which has accrued to them from having cotton mills where the cotton is grown. The planters have reaped a benefit from this growth of Southern cotton manufacturing, and consequently the success and prosperity of Southern cotton mills means their prosperity.

We deprecate any condition that would cripple our Southern cotton mill business, as our cotton growing interests are more or less wrapped up in it. It is to be hoped, therefore, that some solution of the present situation will be reached that will alike be to the advantage of the mills and the the growers. We can't see, however, that any relief is to come from the curtailment movement, a position which the STAR took before the Southern and New England manufacturers met in Charlotte and appointed a committee to arrange plans for cutting down production. Bearing out our view we find in the Baltimore *Sun* of December 16th this special dispatch from Charlotte, which has the enviable reputation of being the centre of the cotton mill industry in the South:

The prevailing opinion among Southern mill men is that the present cotton crop is decidedly short and in view of this fact reduction of the present high prices is not looked for at present. The curtailment suggested in English mill centers, they say, will have no appreciable effect on Southern manufacturers. The truth of the whole matter, one manufacturer said to-day, is that Southern mills have sold their products so far ahead that they are compelled to run. This is in spite of the recent convention at Charlotte which recommended general curtailment.

Notwithstanding the fact that Perry S. Heath, secretary of the National Republican Executive Committee, was mixed up in the Postoffice Department grafting, as hinted at by President Roosevelt, Republican party influences seek to throw the protecting mantle snugly over him. Later developments tend to show that he ought to be steered up against the patrol wagon before he gets out of Washington.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Professor Mallory says he has found the cause of scarlet fever. If scientists were as successful in finding remedies as they are in finding causes they would put the medical schools out of commission.—*Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.*

—— In Congress yesterday Mr. Adams (Republican), of Pennsylvania, justified our course in Panama on the ground that Colombia acted shamefully in regard to the canal theory—a revival of that ancient and very peculiar theory that two wrongs make a right.—*Norfolk Ledger.*

—— A wedding occurred last night that the *Globe* has concluded not to mention. A reporter was sent to the bride yesterday afternoon to inquire the particulars, but she acted like a crazy person. So we have concluded not to make any reference to the wedding. The bride may shoot the editor or set fire to the office. We never saw a woman act as she did. If she wants her wedding notice printed let her get out a handbill.—*Atchison (Kan.) Globe.*

—— There is too much public exhibition of criminals—too much license given them to display and vaunt themselves. The levees which the Chicago police permitted the car barn murderers to hold were immoral and depraving spectacles. The sooner a criminal is withdrawn from the public vision and the less ado with which the silence of a prison cell is made to close around him, the better for the cause of law and social decency.—*Chicago Inter Ocean.*

## TWINKLINGS

— Mrs. Suburbs—There goes Mrs. Toughman. Is she in mourning for her late husband? Mrs. Knowit—No; only wearing black for him.—*Cincinnati Times-Star.*

— "If our combination is illegal," said the capitalist, "I suppose we will have to change it." "Wouldn't it be easier to change the law?" asked his associate.—*Chicago Evening Post.*

— "What do they mean by the word 'civilized?'" asked the simple barbarian. "To be 'civilized,'" answered the chief, "is to own up once for all that you're whiped."—*Washington Star.*

— Wife—Now, don't you think my new hat is a perfect dream? Husband—Well, no. To be a perfect dream the bill attached to it should also be merely a dream.—*Philadelphia Press.*

— Flint—Is it possible for me to believe that an intelligent woman can have the temerity to ask her husband for a $1,000 Christmas present? Mrs. Flint—That kind don't have husbands.—*Cincinnati Tribune.*

— "Remus," said Chloe, "Ah saw some self-raisin' buckwheat down at de stohe." "Dat's nuffin," grumbled Remus, who had ten dependent offsprings. "What Ah want to see is some self-raisin' children."—*Chicago Daily News.*

— Aunt Jane—Helen, I saw that young man kiss you last evening! Helen—I don't think you need to complain, Auntie; I don't think he would have given the kiss to you if you had been there instead of me.—*Boston Transcript.*

— Mr. Ireland—This book on swimming is very useful in sudden emergencies. Mrs. Ireland—Is it? Mr. Ireland—I should say so. If you are drowning, turn to page 103 and there you'll see how to save yourself.—*Glasgow Evening Times.*

— Obviously: Benevolent Old Gentleman—Don't you think fishing cruel sport? Fisherman—I should just think it was. I've been sitting here five hours and never had a single bite, and I've got three wasp stings, and been eaten up with flies, and the sun's taken all the skin off the back of my neck.—*Pick-Me-Up.*


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## SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Congressman Kluttz, of Salisbury, will be accompanied by his family when he returns to Washington after the holidays.

— Rockingham *Headlight*: Gen. Julian S. Carr, at the late N. C. Conference, Methodist, gave $600 to the fund for the old preachers That's just like Jule Carr, one of N. C.'s noblest sons.

— Winston *Sentinel*: What's the matter with the next State Democratic Convention meeting in Winston-Salem? She can trot out cigars and give the boys a plug each. We have the finest auditorium in the State and as hospitable a set of Democrats as ever breathed.

— Chatham *Record*: The Raleigh *Post* in last Sunday's issue in big head lines says that "North Carolina comes out at the little end of the horn" in the committee assignment of our members of Congress at Washington. Well, as long as we send the end of the horn statesmen to Congress, this is what will happen always.

— Salisbury *Truth*: William R. Hearst, the presidential candidate who will never hear the horn blow, is engaged in the dangerous effort to array class against class, hoping of course to make votes for himself. A man who would engage in such efforts would disrupt the government for the gratification of his ambition, is a dangerous man, and his aspirations should be condemned by every patriotic citizen.

— Caswell *Democrat*: Mr. A. C. Freedman, representing the Pauly Jail Building Co., of St. Louis, was in town Monday and consulted with the commissioners regarding the sale of steel cells to be used in the jail. At present the county is in need of a new jail, the old building is dilapidated in many particulars, and prisoners make their escape too often. The county is not in debt, and we need a safe prison.

— Statesville *Landmark*: There is almost always some way to evade a law when one wants to get around it. If sowpaw is wanted it is obtained, notwithstanding prohibitory laws, and notwithstanding the sale of quail is prohibited in Iredell, those who want birds real bad can get them by hiring (?) hunters to go out and kill birds for them. They don't buy the the birds but just hire some one to shoot them.

—"Yes, raising apples pays," said Mr. John Farrior, who gave up the jewelry business in this city to go to Waynesville and manage a large farm that is pretty well covered with all kinds of apple trees. "I paid less than $10,000 for the farm," said Mr. Farrior, "and I have already refused $20,000 for it. This year was an off year and I raised only half a crop of apples, but that meant ten thousand bushels, which I sold for 60 cents a bushel. Next yeas I expect to raise over twenty thousand bushels."—*Charlotte Observer.*

— Reidsville *Review*: As before stated in the *Review* J. R. Blackwell, of Winston, when personally confronted and given to understand that an apology and retraction of the dirty tirade against the publishers of this paper (which he published in *Webster's Weekly*) was necessary, there was no hesitation on his part in complying with our demands. His apologies were profuse and apparently sincere and his solemn promises to make public retraction were satisfactory. Instead of doing so, however, he has another communication in Webster's paper this week craw-fishing on his promised retraction and apology.


**A Costly Mistake.**

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

**Christmas Holiday Rates.**

For the Christmas Holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one-third one way fares plus 25c for the round trip between all points south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and east of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th; also 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.

For the accommodation of students and teachers of schools and colleges the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged round trip rates as above, December 16th to 24nd, with final limit January 8th, 1904.

The train service of the Atlantic Coast Line is unexcelled. For tickets and full information apply to Ticket Agents.

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## CIRCUS PEOPLE LIVE WELL.

**They Are Provided With the Best of Everything.**

"How do circus men and women live while on the road?" said a circus man. "Why, they live better than ever before. We carry almost a thousand people, and I doubt if you can find one of that number who is discontented with his or her lot. Several years ago it was customary with the majority of circuses to provide inferior cars for their business staff and performers and compel the laborers to sleep under the big red wagons on the flat car. The passage of time has changed the order of things. Circus folk now travel as well as if not better than the majority of men and women who are continually moving from one portion of the United States to the other in search of pleasure.

"Our business staff and performers live in spacious Pullman cars. The beds are soft and roomy, and the bedclothing is always fresh and clean. The circus has twelve Pullmans of this kind, and on each one is a porter whose duty it is to polish the shoes of all the occupants each night, look after the laundry and make the beds and sweep and dust the cars. These cars are vestibuled, and at the head of the train is an extra long dining car, where the majority of the people are fed. This diner is looked after by a competent steward, with a staff of good cooks and waiters, and breakfast and dinner are served there each day. The performers take their luncheon on the circus grounds immediately after parade.

"The laborers, including the drivers, canvas men, hostlers, property handlers and animal men, are served with three meals on the grounds. The food provided is of the best, and there is always plenty of it. Every laborer has a bed. The drivers and hostlers have swinging bunks in the cars directly above their horses, the animal men are accommodated in cozy little staterooms fitted up in the big elephant cars, while the property handlers and canvas men sleep in coaches that greatly resemble tourist cars. Every one has good quarters and splendid food, and in consequence it is seldom that a complaint is heard."—Kansas City Journal.

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Clyde steamer Navahoe, Johnson, Georgetown, S C, H G Smallbones.

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Stmr A J Johnson, Bornemann, Point Caswell, W J Meredith.

## MARINE DIRECTORY.

**List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 19.**

STEAMERS.

Devonshire, (Br) 2,364 tons, Coull, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Herald, 474 tons, Keyes, to master.

Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

Adele Thackara, 515 tons, McKeen, C D Mafflitt.

Damietta and Joana, 374 tons, York, C D Mafflitt.

Robt H Stevenson, 1,053 tons, Higbee, C D Mafflitt.

BRIGS.

Sullivan, 295 tons, McNeil, J T Riley & Co.

BARQUES.

Telefon, (Nor) 711 tons, Olsen, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

**Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.**

C. C. Railroad—18 bales cotton, 55 barrels tar, 33 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—145 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 18 barrels tar, 14 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—1,499 bales cotton, 127 barrels tar, 9 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—6 bales cotton, 33 casks spirits turpentine, 70 barrels rosin, 38 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—108 bales cotton, 17 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—9 casks spirits turpentine, 71 barrels rosin, 15 barrels tar.

Steamer Argyle—17 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 40 barrels tar.

Steamer Franklin Pierce—6 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 73 barrels tar.

Total—1,799 bales cotton, 57 casks spirits turpentine, 141 barrels rosin, 566 barrels tar, 73 barrels crude turpentine.


## Old Friends Are the Best.

Sometime ago I took what is known as a Summer cold. I tried several remedies, but without much relief. Finally, I resorted to my old standby, Cheney's Expectorant, and was cured by a few doses. I have great confidence in this remedy.

JOE HOWARD.

Macon, Miss.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.


## COMMERCIAL.

### WILMINGTON MARKET

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, December 18.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $2.10 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.70 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.25 per barrel for hard, $3.80 for dip, $3.80 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 51½c; rosin firm at $1.35@1.40; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $1.75, 2.80@2.80.

RECEIPTS.

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| Spirits turpentine | 37 |
| Rosin | 141 |
| Tar | 366 |
| Crude turpentine | 73 |

Receipts same day last year—71 casks spirits turpentine, 131 barrels rosin, 709 barrels tar, 90 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady at 12¼c per pound for middling.

Same day last year, market firm at 8c for middling.

Receipts—1,799 bales; same day last year, 2,506.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 77½c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 85c.

CORN—Firm, 65@70c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 22@23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 35@40c; springs, 15@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 40@45c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

## FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Money on call was easy at 3½@5½ per cent., closing bid 3 per cent., and offered at 3 per cent.; time loans were steady; sixty days, 6 per cent; ninety days 6 per cent.; six months 5@5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484.85@484.91 for demand and 481.40@481 45 for sixty-day bills. Posted rates 482 and 485¼. Commercial bills 481¼@481¾. Bar silver 55¼. Mexican dollars 42¾. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 105½; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 106; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 107½; do. coupon, 107¼; U.S. 4's, new, reg'd, 133½; do. coupons 133¼; U.S. 4's, old, reg'd, 109; U. S. 4's, old coupon, 110; U. S. 5's, registered, 101¼; do. coupon, 101¼; Southern Railway, 5's, 114. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 88; Chesapeake & Ohio 33¼; Manhattan L 141¾; New York Central 118¾; Reading 44¾; do. 1st preferred 76¾; do. 2nd preferred 58¾; St. Paul 142¾; do. pref'd, 173; Southern Railway 20¾; do. pref'd 77¼; Amalgamated Copper 48; People's Gas 97¼; Tennessee Coal and Iron 33¾; U. S. Leather 7¼; U. S. Leather, preferred, 76¼; Western Union 87, ex div. U.S. Steel 10¾; do. preferred 55¾; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 25¼; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 94½; sales — shares. Standard Oil 660.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 18.—Seaboard Air Line, common, —; do. preferred, —; do. bonds, fours, 73¾ asked. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 107@108; do. preferred, —.

## NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Rosin steady. Strained common to good $3 55. Spirits turpentine quiet.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 18.—Spirits turpentine firm at 55½c; sales — casks. Rosin steady; sales — barrels: A, B, C, $3 10; D, $3 10, E, $3 10; F, $3 10; G, $3 20; H, $3 25; I, $3 45; K, $3 70; M, $3 80; N, $3 95; W G, $3 15; W W $3 40.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 18.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 56½c; receipts 177 casks; sales — casks; exports — casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 4,419 barrels; sales 1,767 barrels; exports — barrels. Quote: A, B, C, $3 25; D, $3 25; E, $3 35; F, $3 25; G, $3 30; H, $3 35; I, $3 55; K, $3 80; M, $3 90; N, $3 05; W G, $3 25; W W $3 50.

## COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The cotton market opened firm at unchanged prices to an advance of seven points on continued covering and bull support. Cables were, if anything a little better than expected, though well down from the top at the hour of the local opening with private advices indicating a very nervous condition of affairs abroad and more reports coming in of the inability of some Southern spot handlers to fill contracts to ship cotton abroad. Advices of this description coupled with very bullish advices from Southern spot markets and the aggressive attitude of the bulls some of whom are freely predicting still higher prices, seemed to cause even greater anxiety than that noted yesterday among the local shorts, while there were also evidences that the public were again entering the market through the commission houses. At any rate, after a brief interval of hesitation rather than weakness, immediately following the opening, during which prices sagged back a few points from the best, the market was generally strong throughout the entire session. Prices were worked rapidly upward. Rumors were circulating that the bull leaders were taking profits on bulges, but those parties were open and aggressive buyers on every sign of weakening. Needless to say all the months reached new high levels for the day with months later than January breaking through the 13c mark. The best prices were in the late trading. At that time January sold at 13.82; March at 13.04; May at 12.17; and July at 13.35. Toward the close the list dropped back four or five points, but the close was strong net sixteen to thirty-one points higher with sales estimated at 1,300,000 bales, presenting a sharp contrast with the business reported last Wednesday when total transactions were placed at only 200,000 bales. A feature of the day was the heavy exports which greatly exceed the port receipts and spot cotton was higher at nearly all points. Receipts at the ports to-day 50,566 bales against 44,152 last week, and 39,836 last year. For the week 300,000 bales, against 332,316 last week and 263,318 last year. To-day's receipts at New Orleans were 11,300 bales, against 9,586 last year, and at Houston 14,916 bales against 8,702 last year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Cotton quiet at 13.05c; net receipts 429 bales; gross receipts 4,711 bales; stock 70,779 bales.

Cotton futures market closed strong: December 12.69, January 12.77, February 12.89, March 13.01, April 13.14, May 13.17, June 13.18, July 13.19, August 12.87.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 35 points higher; middling uplands 13.05; middling gulf 13.30c; sales 1,600 bales.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 50,566 bales; exports to Great Britain 35,651 bales; exports to France 12,877 bales; exports to the Continent 58,657 bales; Mexico — bales; stock 887,789 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 306,454 bales; exports to Great Britain 124,282 bales; exports to France 80,982 bales; exports to the Continent 184,939 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,688,029 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,380,381 bales; exports to France 484,438 bales; exports to the Continent 1,415,249 bales.

Dec 18.—Galveston, firm at 12 9-16c, net receipts 19,028 bales; Norfolk, steady at 12¾c, net receipts 4,089 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 13.50c, net receipts 1,083 bales; Boston, quiet at 13.70, net receipts 115 bales; Wilmington, steady at 12¼c, net receipts 1,799 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 13.30c, net receipts 45 bales; Savannah, firm at 12 7-16, net receipts 9,100 bales; New Orleans, steady at 12 11-16c, net receipts 13,300 bales; Mobile, firm at 12¾c, net receipts 1,136 bales; Memphis, firm at 12¾c, net receipts 1,922 bales; Augusta, steady at 12¾c, net receipts 2,492 bales; Charleston, firm at 12¾c, net receipts 1,569 bales.

## PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Flour was more active and firmer. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 91¾c. Options were active and firm all day influenced by war talk, smaller Southwest receipts, good clearances, outside demand, export rumors, general covering and bullish Argentine crop news. The close was very firm at ¾@1¼c net advance led by December on a late scare of shorts. Sales—May closed 85¾c; July closed 81¼c; December closed 91¼c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 53c. Options market, while very quiet all day, shared the wheat strength, getting help also from the light receipts. It closed firm at ¼@½c net advance: May closed 49¾c; December 53c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2 43c. Lard easy; Western steam $6 80; refined easy; continent $7 00; compound 6¼@6¾c. Pork was steady. Butter unsettled; extra creamery 24c; State dairy 15@21. Cheese quiet; State, fullcream fancy, small colored, September 13c; late made 10c; small white, September 13c; late made 10c. Peanuts quoted steady; fancy hand-picked 4¾@5c; other domestic 3¼@5c. Potatoes firm; Long Island $2 12@2 37; Jerseys $2 00@2 25; Jersey sweets $1 50@3 50; State and Western sacks $2 10@2 25. Cabbage steady; domestic, per ton $20 00@25 00; per 100 $6 00@10 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 12. Tallow firm. Eggs strong; State and Pennsylvania nearby average best 38c. Molasses firm. Sugar—Raw firm; refined steady. Cotton seed oil was quieter but still firm, without further changes. Quoted: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 39@39½; prime summer yellow 36½c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 38@39c; prime winter yellow 39@40c.

CHICAGO, December 18.—Disquieting reports of an imminent clash between Russia and Japan, together with heavy export sales caused active buying of wheat here to-day. As a result, the market ruled strong, May closing ½c higher. May corn was up ½c, oats were ½c higher, while provisions closed steady.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Cash prices: Flour—Market steady. Wheat—No. 3 spring 83; No. 3 spring 77@81c; No. 2 red 82@86c. Corn—No. 2 42¼c; No. 2 yellow 45c. Oats—No. 2 35¼@35½c; No. 3 white 36@37½c. Rye—No. 2 52@52¼. Mess pork, per bbl, $11 45@11 50. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 37½@6 40. Short rib sides, loose, $6 00@6 25. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, —. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 25@6 37½. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December, new, 79@79¼, 79¾, 79, 79¾c; May 81¼@81⅝, 82¼, 81⅛, 83¼c; July 76¾, 76⅞, 76¾, 76⅝c. Corn—No. 2 December 41¾, 42, 41¾, 42c; May 43⅛@43⅝, 43¾@43⅞, 43⅛, 43⅜c; July 43¼, 43⅜, 43⅛@43¼, 43¾@43⅝c. Oats—No. 2 December 35, 35¼, 34⅞, 35¼c; May 36¾@36⅞, 37, 36¾, 36⅞@37c; July 33⅞, 33¾@34, 33⅜, 33¾c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $11 39, 11 45, 11 35, 11 42½; May $11 72½, 11 85, 11 72½, 11 80. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 35, 6 37½, 6 35, 6 37½; May $6 55, 6 57, 6 55½, 6 57½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 07½, 6 07½, 6 05, 6 07½; May $6 25, 6 27½, 6 22½, 6 27½.

## NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Coffee—Spot Rio firm; No. 7 invoice 6¾c; mild firm. The market for coffee futures opened steady at unchanged prices to an advance of 10 points on covering by shorts. The market ruled steady to firm all day, closing steady at a net advance of 15 to 25 points. Sales 114,000 bags.

## FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 18.—Cotton: Spot, in limited demand; prices eight points higher; American middling fair 7.26d; good middling 7.10d; middling 7.00d; low middling 6.94d; good ordinary 6.84d; ordinary 6.64d. The sales of the day were 5,000 bales, of which 300 bales were for speculation and export and included 4,500 bales American. Receipts 9,000 bales, including 5,000 bales American.

Futures opened steady and closed feverish; American middling (g o c): December 6.66d; December and January 6.81@6.82d; January and February 6.77@6.78d; February and March 6.76d; March and April 6.74d; April and May 6.73d; May and June 6.72d; June and July 6.70d; July and August 6.66@6.67d; August and September 6.53d.

— Too Considerate—Mistress returning from holiday)—Why, Bridget, whatever has become of the parrot? Bridget—Well, you see, mum, after you left it looked a bit pining like, and didn't talk much, so cook and I put it out of its misery, poor thing, and I had it stuffed for my 'at.—*Judy.*


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## SELECTIONS

### INTENTIONS OF GERMANY.

**Wants Coaling Stations, Even if It Violates Monroe Doctrine.**

In 1900 an American went to Berlin to study a certain phase of German politics. He carried with him letters of introduction from men of the highest standing in this country which quickly placed him en rapport with leading German statesmen and government officials.

One day in a call made upon an official who is close to the emperor the American suggested that Germany displayed a keen desire to obtain a foothold in China and that public men and students of affairs in the United States could not disabuse their minds of the idea that Germany would not rest content until she had obtained a colony in South America.

"A colony, no; but a coaling station, yes," the German interrupted.

"I am afraid, count," the American replied, "that you will never get your coaling station. You see, the Monroe doctrine would not permit it. You will never get your coaling station un!"—And the American hesitated. He remembered that he was a guest.

"Finish your sentence," said the count, unmoved, "or would you rather that I finished it for you? Well, say, unless we go to war. I trust not. We Germans are a peaceful people, and we do not love to fight, although we have the best army in Europe, and before long we shall not be despised on the sea. But it is not justice that we should be denied coaling stations, and it is unworthy of the United States to attempt this act of injustice. Coaling stations we ought to have; coaling stations we must have. Let us," said the count lightly as he lighted a fresh cigarette, "remember some time in the future our conversation of today. We must have coaling stations," he repeated in a dreamy manner.—A. Maurice Low in Collier's Weekly.

**Spelling "Chop Suey."**

There are about as many ways of spelling "chop suey" as there are ways of preparing it, and scarcely half a dozen Chinese restaurants can be found in Chicago where the name of the dish is not misspelled, and yet none is absolutely incorrect. On South State street one sign reads "Chop Shuey." On West Madison street is another which reads "Chop Sooy." On Clark street, where there is a nest of Chinese restaurants, the name is spelled in many ways.

An educated Chinaman, speaking of this spelling or misspelling the other day, said:

"All the ways are right, and all are wrong. It is only a guess at best. It would be impossible to spell the name rightly in English. The nearest approach to the correct spelling would be 'schoicop slouey.' This could not be pronounced by an American, so we have come to use 'chop suey' as the proper way of painting our signs. Yet the other ways are not incorrect."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

**Jena or Sedan?**

The current sensation in military Germany is Adam Beyerlein's "Jena oder Sedan?" It purposes to show that the method of drills, parades and other tactics now used in the German army is antiquated and is rapidly destroying that most important element in modern warfare, individual initiative, and is creating mere human machines which refuse to work as soon as they are removed from control of officers' authority. The book is in the form of a novel, and the author graphically describes the monotonous life in the barracks, the wearisome and dulling drills, the showy parades and the hardships of the maneuver fields. He describes the petty tyranny of the noncommissioned officers and of the commissioned officers of the lower grades and asserts that the most patriotic officer, the one keenest in his profession, must sooner or later abandon himself to monotonous routine. He asks whither the army is going, to Jena or Sedan.

**The Fata Morgana.**

This beautiful atmospheric phenomenon, which takes its name from one of the fairies of mediæval legend and is specially prevalent at the strait of Messina, between Italy and Sicily, has lately been critically studied by Dr. Boccara of the technical college at Reggio. He has seen the apparitions under three different forms—aerial, marine and multiple. In the first case buildings on the Italian coast were seen projected on the Sicilian coast beyond. In the second case arches on a railway above Messina were visible, magnified and more brilliant than the real arches, standing below the sea line with no apparent support. In the multiple Morgana aerial and marine apparitions are visible simultaneously. All these appearances are ascribed to variations in atmospheric density, producing abnormal refraction.

**Our Diamond Fields.**

From seven diamonds, weighing from two to twenty-one carats, that have been picked up in Wisconsin and adjoining states Professor William H. Hobbs traces the diamond fields of North America to the volcanic region of the Canadian wilderness south of Hudson bay. The only known matrix of the diamond is the black shale, or "blue ground," around the necks of burned out volcanoes. The loose stones found seem to have been transported by glaciers, and on following up the probable courses of these ancient ice rivers the lines converge in the barren territory stated.

**A Singular Accident.**

A singular accident recently occurred at Lamport station, between Northampton and Market Harborough, England. A cab from a Northampton hotel was being driven toward Harborough when the horse bolted and dashed into the level crossing gates at Lamport station. One gate was knocked down, and the horse and vehicle went on to the line. An express train was within a couple of hundred yards and the driver of the cab, seeing this, by a great effort turned the horse on to the up platform. The express swept by, and no sooner had it done so than the horse and cab fell from the platform on to the line. The occupant was much cut by broken glass, and the driver was found unconscious under the smashed vehicle. The train passed over the gate as it lay across the rails and broke it to pieces.

**Strawberries and Suicide.**

One of the most amusing "discoveries" which has been made recently is that strawberries eaten out of season are apt to make a person commit suicide. This theory has been advanced by Clifford Howard of Washington, who has made a study of the matter. Cases have been known in which unripe berries have made people want to commit suicide, but the real act has always been some distance off. Mr. Howard says that unripe strawberries produce mental depression, and then suicide is the next step.—New York Tribune.

**The Dog In Egypt.**

In Egypt the dog was a friend and faithful servant. He lived in the house with his master, followed him in his walks, attended the public ceremonies, sometimes free, at other times held in leash by a slave or child or in princely families by a favorite dwarf. At his meals he had his place marked under the benches of the guests. As in Greece and Rome, he was there to dispose of bones, the fragments of meat and the pieces of bread that were thrown down and in a general way to keep the dining room clean. These were certainly not very refined fashions, and if our house dogs had to satisfy themselves in this way they would be likely to die of hunger.

The ancients did not feel the delicate tastes and disgusts in such matters that we experience. Their life presented excessive refinements and rude features of which we have no idea side by side. The house dog in Egypt was a domestic, working at his trade, only his trade was one in which we have ceased to employ him.

**How to Make Big Soap Bubbles.**

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**Hopeless Effort.**

Mrs. Jagway—Ebenezer, you have been hanging around the saloons again.

Mr. Jagway—I'll not d'ceive, you, m' dear.

Mrs. Jagway—Ebenezer, You can't!—Chicago Tribune.

**More Than Petit.**

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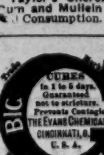

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Murchison National Bank,

Wilmington, N. C.

At close of business Nov. 17, 1903. (Began Business March 1st, 1899.)

| RESOURCES: | | LIABILITIES: | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Loans and Discounts | $1,181,982 44 | Capital | $ 200,000 00 |
| U. S. Bonds (at par) | 350,000 00 | Surplus and net profits | 104,866 80 |
| Bank Building | 20,000 00 | Circulation | 90,000 00 |
| Cash on hand and in Banks | 718,156 34 | Deposits | 1,697,149 88 |
| | $2,229,658 98 | | $2,229,658 98 |

Comparative statement of deposits,
Nov. 17th, 1901, $672,508 88. Nov. 17th, 1902, $51,164,000 05 Nov. 17th, 1903, $1,697,149 88.

H. C. McQUEEN, President, J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

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Statement of the condition of the

ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK,

Wilmington, N. C.,

At close of business November 17th, 1903.

Organized 1892.

| RESOURCES. | | LIABILITIES. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Loans and discounts | $1,023,833 66 | Capital Stock | $125,000 00 |
| Bonds | 218,800 00 | Surplus, etc | 183 136 85 |
| Real Estate | 30,000 00 | Circulation | 125 000 00 |
| Cash in Vaults | $ 70,721 76 | Deposits | 1,346,266 29 |
| In other Banks | 396,046 33 | 466,770 09 | |
| Total | | $1,779,403 14 | Total $1,779,403 14 |

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We offer every facility known to modern banking. nov 22 tf


SOMETHING OF INTEREST.

Our regular interest quarter begins Tuesday, December 1st, and money deposited with us on or before that date will receive credit for three months interest on the first day of March, 1904. We pay at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, compounded quarterly.

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DIRECTORS:

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Effective October 21st, 1903.

LEAVE.

| Wilmington. | Wrightsville for Wil. | Beach. |
|---|---|---|
| *7.00 A. M. | 9.10 A. M. | ..... |
| 10 00 A. M. | 11.17 A. M. | 11.00 A. M. |
| 3 00 P. M. | 5.00 P. M. | 4.45 P. M. |
| ‡6 10 P. M. | 7 00 P. M. | ..... |
| 10 00 P. M. | 10 30 P. M. | Saturday only |

*Daily except Sunday.
†Will not run beyond Wrightsville unless there are passengers for the Beach.

FREIGHT.

Small freight shipments will be carried on all passenger cars except 3 P. M. trips. Special arrangements for transportation of large shipments or daily freight can be made by applying at the office. dec 15 tf

# Seaboard

## Air Line Railroad.

Schedule in Effect Aug. 30, 1903.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington 3:15 p. m, arrive Lumberton 5:35 p. m., Pembroke 6:00 p m, Maxton 6:45 p m, Hamlet 7:35 p m, arrive Charlotte 10:45 p m.

TRAIN 15 Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p m, arrives Lumberton 2:15 a m, Pembroke 2:55 a m, Maxton 4:05 a m, Hamlet 6:00 a m.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 3:31 a m, Hamlet 5:40 a m, arrives Maxton 7:25 a m, Pembroke 10:09 a m, Lumberton 10:27 a m, Wilmington 12:45 p m.

TRAIN 14 Leaves Hamlet 10:45 p m, arrives Maxton 12:35 a m, Pembroke 1:30 a m, Lumberton 2:15 a m, Wilmington 7:00 a m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Hamlet | 7 30 a m | 10 40 p m |
| Ar Monroe | 9 05 a m | 10 15 a m |
| Ar Charlotte | 10 05 a m | ..... |
| Ar Chester | 10 25 a m | 1 35 a m |
| Ar Greenwood | 12 22 p m | 3 43 a m |
| Ar Athens | 2 50 p m | 6 05 a m |
| Ar Atlanta | 3 50 p m | 7 50 a m |

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lv Hamlet | 7 25 a m | 10 40 p m |
| Ar Columbia | 10 55 a m | 1 50 a m |
| Ar Savannah | 2 20 p m | 5 05 a m |
| Ar Jacksonville | 6 50 p m | 9 15 a m |
| Ar Tampa | 6 40 a m | 6 00 p m |

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lv Hamlet | 10 30 p m | 8 55 a m |
| Ar Raleigh | 1 25 a m | 11 50 a m |
| Ar Norlina | 3 50 a m | 1 45 p m |
| Ar Portsmouth | | |
| Ar Norfolk | 8 00 a m | 5 35 p m |
| Lv Hamlet | 10 30 p m | 7 50 a m |
| Ar Raleigh | 1 25 a m | 11 15 a m |
| Ar Norlina | 3 50 a m | 1 45 p m |
| Ar Richmond | 6 35 a m | 4 50 p m |
| Ar Washington | 10 10 a m | 8 36 p m |
| Ar Baltimore | 11 25 p m | 11 35 p m |
| Ar New York | 4 15 p m | 6 13 p m |

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

For tickets, Pullman reservations, etc., apply to Thomas D. Meares, General Agent, Wilmington, N. C. sep 4 tf

# ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Aug. 2, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

| | No 48 | No 42 |
|---|---|---|
| Lv Wilmington | 9 20 a m | 7 00 p m |
| Ar Goldsboro | 12 21 p m | 9 58 p m |
| Ar Wilson | 1 18 p m | 10 35 p m |
| Ar Rocky Mount | 1 56 p m | 11 23 p m |
| Ar Norfolk | 5 55 p m | ..... |
| Ar Weldon | 4 58 p m | 1 35 a m |
| Ar Petersburg | 6 53 p m | 3 00 a m |
| Ar Richmond | 7 4 p m | 9 43 a m |
| Ar Washington | 11 40 p m | 7 30 a m |
| Ar Baltimore | 1 38 a m | 9 18 a m |
| Ar Philadelphia | 4 06 a m | 11 32 a m |
| Ar New York | 7 15 a m | 2 00 p m |

SOUTHBOUND.

| | No 41 | No 49 |
|---|---|---|
| Lv New York | 9 35 a m | 9 25 p m |
| Ar Philadelphia | 11 55 a m | 12 01 a m |
| Ar Baltimore | 2 13 p m | 2 27 a m |
| Ar Washington | 3 21 p m | 3 45 a m |
| Ar Norfolk | ..... | 9 00 a m |
| Ar Richmond | 7 15 p m | 6 30 a m |
| Ar Petersburg | 8 05 p m | 9 48 a m |
| Ar Weldon | 9 43 p m | 11 46 a m |
| Ar Rocky Mount | 10 37 p m | 1 00 p m |
| Ar Wilson | 11 18 p m | 1 59 p m |
| Ar Goldsboro | 7 16 a m | 8 10 p m |
| Ar Wilmington | 10 10 a m | 6 00 p m |

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

| | Daily Ex. Sunday. | Daily. | Daily. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lv Wilmington | 6 00 a m | 8 45 p m | 7 00 p m |
| Ar Florence | 9 25 a m | 7 30 p m | 3 25 a m |
| Ar Charleston | 1 10 p m | 11 15 p m | 6 15 a m |
| Ar Savannah | 6 30 p m | 3 00 a m | 5 30 a m |
| Ar Jacksonville | | 6 00 a m | 1 15 p m |
| Ar Tampa | | 10 35 p m | 10 35 p m |

NORTHBOUND.

| | Daily Ex. Sunday. | Daily |
|---|---|---|
| Lv Tampa | 8 00 p m | 7 30 a m |
| Ar Jacksonville | 7 30 a m | 5 30 p m |
| Ar Savannah | 12 40 p m | 1 15 a m |
| Ar Charleston | 4 50 p m | 6 25 a m |
| Ar Florence | 7 35 p m | 9 45 a m |
| Ar Wilmington | 11 30 p m | 1 40 p m |

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

| | West Bound Daily | | East Bound Daily |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lv Wilmington | 9 20 a m | Ar | 7 50 p m |
| Ar Fayetteville | 12 25 p m | Ar | 4 55 p m |
| Ar Sanford | 1 55 p m | Lv | 3 40 p m |

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

| | North Bound Daily ex Sunday | | South Bound Daily |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lv Wilmington | 2 25 p m | Ar | 12 15 p m |
| Ar Newbern | 5 40 p m | Lv | 9 00 a m |

Trains Nos. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

W. J. CRAIG, Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. Emerson, Traffic Manager.
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# Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

| GOING EAST. Passg'r Trains Arrive | Passg'r Trains Leave | STATIONS. | GOING WEST. Passg'r Trains Arrive | Passg'r Trains Leave |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| P. M. | P. M. | | A. M. | A. M. |
| ..... | 2 40 | Goldsboro | 11 06 | ..... |
| ..... | 4 32 | Kinston | 10 12 | ..... |
| 5 40 | 5 50 | Newbern | 9 27 | 2 00 |
| 7 03 | 7 07 | Morehead City | 7 53 | 7 07 |
| P. M. | P. M. | | A M | A M. |

Train 4 connects with W. & W train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.25 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 5 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 5.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 5.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

oct 23 tf S. L. DILL, Supt.


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CARIB.....Saturday Dec. 19
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CARIB.....Saturday, Dec. 26

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# The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING. DECEMBER 19.


## COTTON FUTURES MARKET.

**Continued Excitement With Much Uncertainty—Prices Reach New High Records for the Season.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The cotton market was not so active to-day as yesterday, but reflected continued excitement, coupled with much uncertainty. Cables showed great irregularity abroad, but at the time of the local opening were as high as expected and the market here opened firm, unchanged to seven points higher, placing all the active months at new high records for the season with January just after the call selling at 12.64, March at 12.85 and May and July at 12 96. Following this there was immense realizing, which eased the market off to about last night's finals, but there seemed little bear pressure and the general undertone remains firm in a feverish way with fluctuations narrow and irregular. The hesitating tendency noted soon after the opening was only momentary and was followed by an advance that carried all the more active positions past the thirteen cents mark. Trading was very active on the upward movement. The week end figures were considered bearish by some but had no apparent effect on the market. At the best level of the session, which occurred in the late trading, January sold at 12 81, March 13.04, May at 13.17 and July at 13.35. The market closed strong net sixteen to thirty-one points higher, that being within three or four points of the top. The sales were estimated at 1,300,000 bales.

## UNITED STATES AND CHINA.

**Treaty for the Extension of Commercial Relations Ratified by the Senate in Executive Session.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Senate in executive session to-day ratified the treaty "for the extension of the commercial relations" between the United States and China, and then removed the injunction of secrecy. No opposition was manifested by any senator to the treaty, though Mr. Nelson, Republican, Minnesota, made a long speech, in which he criticised the convention as making insufficient provision for the trade of the United States. He said it indicated that the hand of Russia had been shown against this country, making it utterly impossible for the United States to receive the concessions needed in the way of open ports. He blamed Russia for this condition of affairs and warned the Senate that we may yet have trouble with that country over the Manchurian question.

Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, urged the importance of having the treaty ratified at once and said that the State Department considered immediate action as essential. He declared that the ratification probably would have a bearing on the settlement of the Far Eastern question. There was no division on the motion to ratify.

## THE WORLD'S COTTON.

**Total Visible Supply as Shown by Secretary Hester's Statement.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 18.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton, issued to-day, shows the total visible to be 3,715,849 bales against 3,594,196 last week, and 3,696,756 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,137,849 bales, against 3,081,756 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 578,000 bales, against 540,000 last week and 615,000 last year. Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and continental Europe 1,909,000 bales against 1,686,000 last year; in Egypt 191,000, against 182,000 last year; in India 142,000, against 186,000 last year and in the United States, 1,424,000 against 1,543,000 last year.

## COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

**For the Week Ending Friday, December 18th, 1903.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending December 18th, 1903:

| | 1903. | 1902. |
|---|---|---|
| Net receipts at all U. S. ports during the week | 306,454 | 263,168 |
| Total receipts to this date | 4,688,029 | 4,417,423 |
| Exports for week | 293,759 | 302,902 |
| Total exports to date | 3,317,536 | 3,081,413 |
| Stock in all U. S. ports | 887,789 | 1,060,893 |
| Stock at all interior towns | 507,932 | 553,669 |
| Stock in Liverpool | —— | 473,000 |
| American afloat for Great Britain | —— | 327,000 |

## TOTAL NET RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st, 1903: Galveston, 1,646,091; New Orleans, 1,100,898; Mobile, 147,855; Savannah, 816,607; Charleston, 133,087; Wilmington, 274,561; Norfolk, 295,379; Baltimore, 1,594; New York, 18,451; Boston, 6,129; Philadelphia, 3,238; Brunswick, 63,244; Pensacola, 70,839; Port Arthur, 24,576; Port Townsend, 14,560; San Francisco, 5,845; El Paso, 400; Eagle Pass, 4,143; Laredo, 4,440; Newport News, 1,602. Total, 4,638,029.

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## DANIEL DISCUSSES PANAMA REPUBLIC

**Advocated Acceptance of Hoar's Resolution Calling Upon the President for Information.**

**A VERY SHARP CRITICISM.**

**It Was the City, Not the State of Panama that Organized the Revolution—Independence Had Not Been Established—House Proceedings.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The relationship of the United States to the new republic of Panama continued to be the leading theme in the Senate today, but the discussion was confined to one senator, and was not so exciting as yesterday. Mr. Daniel, of Virginia, was the speaker, and he advocated the acceptance of Mr. Hoar's resolution calling upon the President for more information relative to the November revolution in Panama.

Mr. Cullom called attention to the fact that the treaty has not been acted upon by the Committee on Foreign Relations and intimated that it was not in order to discuss it.

Mr. Daniel retorted by saying that there "is as much nervousness over any inquiry on the part of Republican senators as to cause them to jump before they have been spurred."

He reiterated his statement that the President had discussed the treaty in public, and called attention to Secretary Loomis' New York speech, as well as to the debates in the Senate, and declared that "never before had there been such a thorough defiance and contempt of the law of secrecy which prevails in diplomatic affairs as have been displayed in this matter."

Mr. Daniel also referred to Minister Bunau-Varilla, and said of him that while it is true that all men play many parts in the course of their lives, that gentleman had "played more parts in a shorter time than any other actor who had challenged favor from back of the foot-lights."

Taking up the resolution he said that he did not want to see the United States involved in war either with France or with Colombia, and he was inclined to accept with a grain of salt the sensational headline printed in the papers yesterday over the speeches of Acting Secretary Loomis and Minister Bunau-Varilla. Some people, he said, seek to establish a wide open republic, as if some prodigious Tammany were about to take possession of the country, and they are shaking their red lights from many points." He contended that the independence of Panama had not been established, as has been stated, and in this connection called attention to the fact that the country has no constitution.

Mr. Daniel said he knew of no requirement in international law for the recognition of a new government before it was formed.

Things were happening in Washington before there was anything doing on the isthmus. When, where, and at what time, he asked, had the United States undertaken to send our forces to the border of any country to prevent that country from keeping peace in its own territory. There was not at that time even the germ of a republic—not even the phantom of a republic. Indeed, he declared the United States had rushed to the aid of the new republic notwithstanding that like Richard III it had come into "this breathing world scarce half made up."

"It was not the State of Panama that organized the revolution," said Mr. Daniel. "It was the city and not the state that is responsible for the outbreak of the revolution on the isthmus. It was the municipal officers, her common councillors and her citizens that organized the secession. Without delay an ambassador was appointed to this country, and if that new republic had any independence it was soon snuffed out by the acts of that ambassador."

He declared that the populace of the United States should not allow their serenity to be disturbed by a minister from Panama, flitting from place to place and commenting upon Colombia's attitude in unfavorable terms. He hoped that in this matter the United States would proceed in peace and in order, avoiding all foreign entanglements.

Mr. Fulton, Oregon, made a speech in support of the bill to give aid to the proposed Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland, Oregon, in 1905.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

**House of Representatives.**

The House to-day, by resolution, authorized the Committee on Expenditures in the Postoffice Department to request the postmaster general to furnish that committee with the papers in connection with the recent postoffice investigation, but not until after a lively debate. The resolution was met with opposition on the Republican side. Mr. Overstreet, Republican, Indiana, chairman of the Committee on Postoffices and Postroads, contended that the information sought had been received from the Postoffice Department and mailed to members.

Mr. Wanger, Republican, Pennsylvania, chairman of the Committee on Postoffice Expenditures, held that the desired information was essential to his committee in consideration of measures affecting the Postoffice Department.

Mr. Williams, the minority leader, renewed his effort to substitute a resolution providing that the information be requested by the House instead of a committee, but the previous question being ordered on practically a party vote, he had no opportunity to offer his substitute.

Mr. Williams asked if the majority were afraid the work of their own fourth assistant postmaster general would not make good campaign material. He asked Mr. Overstreet if it was true that Mr. Bristow had stated before the postoffice committee that his report had been edited.

Mr. Overstreet replied that Mr. Bristow had not made any such statement before his committee or to him personally.

Mr. Williams asked further if all the information had been sent to the committee. Mr. Overstreet, replying, said that the report of Mr. Bristow, made public by the committee, was just as it had been made to the Postmaster General.

It required the Speaker's vote to order the previous question the yes and nay vote resulting in a tie. On a yes and nay vote the resolution was agreed to 109 to, 100, the minority voting practically unanimously with the friends of the measure on the Republican side.

The House adjourned until to-morrow.

At yesterday's session of the United Mine Workers of America, District of Alabama, it was decided to levy an assessment of thirty cents per month for a defence fund.

What you pay for extracts is important, but what you get for your money is ten times more important. Burnett's Vanilla cost more because it is worth more.

## THE NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY OF BALTIMORE.

**First Annual Banquet—Three Hundred Persons Present—Speeches by Gov. Aycock and Others.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 18.—Cotton bolls, pine trees and flags of Maryland and North Carolina were the principal decorations at the first annual dinner of the North Carolina Society of Baltimore to night in the banquet hall of the new Carrollton Hotel. Three hundred persons, many of whom were from distant points, sat at the table, guests of the new society. Dr. Edwin Geer, president of the society, was toastmaster and introduced the guests. Governor-elect Edwin Warfield was the first speaker and welcomed the guests. He was followed by Governor Charles B. Aycock of North Carolina, who spoke in part as follows:

"I am proud of my State because there we have solved the negro problem, which recently seems to have given you some trouble. We have taken him out of politics, and have therefore secured good government under any party and laid foundations for the future development of both races. We have secured peace and rendered prosperity a certainty. I am inclined to give to you our solution of this problem. It is, first, as far as possible, under the fifteenth amendment to disfranchise him; after that let him alone; quit writing about him; quit talking about him; quit making him the white man's burden, let him 'tote his own skillet,' quit coddling him; let him learn that no man, no race, ever got anything worth the having that he did not himself earn; that character is the outcome of sacrifice and worth is the result of toil, that whatever his future may be the present has in it for him nothing that is not the product of industry, thrift, obedience to law and uprightness."

## AFFAIRS ON THE ISTHMUS.

**Growing Complications — Navy Department Withholds Its Advices—Brig. Gen Elliott to Command Forces.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—After a conference to-day between Secretary Moody, Rear Admiral Taylor, chief of the bureau of navigation, and Brigadier General George Elliott, commandant of the marine corps, it was decided that if present conditions on the isthmus of Panama continue General Elliott will sail for Colon on the Dixie from Philadelphia when that vessel goes south with the new battalion of marines which has been ordered assembled at Philadelphia for dispatch to the isthmus. The Dixie is now on her way north for this purpose. General Elliott has been anxious for some days to be given a field command and it is the present intention of the officials to grant his request.

It was said at the Navy Department to-day that in view of the growing complications over the Panama situation it was inadvisable longer to advance the plans of the department with the freedom shown during the last few weeks, and for that reason a cablegram received to-day from Rear Admiral Coghlan was not made public.

## UNITED COLOMBIAN COMMITTEE.

**Will Seek to Induce United States to Recognize Colombia's Rights in Panama.**

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The "United Colombian Committee" here gave out a statement to-day saying that Colombia would first seek through a commission to induce the United States to recognize Colombia's rights under the treaty of 1846; second, if the commission fails Colombia will ask for the submission of the question to The Hague arbitration court; third, if its submission to The Hague court is refused, Colombia will go to war and rely on the Latin republics to come to her aid.

The formal organization of the "United Colombian Committee" was announced from Paris Wednesday. It was reported to have a membership of Colombians throughout Europe and its purpose was said to be to inform the European public of Colombia's rights in the Panama affairs.

## ALABAMA HOMICIDE.

**Negro Shot and Killed by a White Man in Montgomery.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Dec. 18.—Frank Wilson, a baseball player, who pitched with the Atlanta club of the Southern League last season, shot and killed William Safford, a negro barber, in this city to-day. It is stated that the negro was advancing on Wilson with a razor, when Wilson fired four times, one of the bullets taking effect and causing Saffold's death. Wilson gave himself up and was taken into custody. A preliminary hearing will be granted in a few days.

## FLYING MACHINE.

**Sailed Three Miles at Kitty Hawk, N. C., Last Thursday.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 18.—No test was made to-day of the flying machine invented by Wilbur and Orville Wright, of Dayton, O., which sailed three miles at Kitty Hawk, N. C., Thursday. The Wright Brothers will leave to-morrow for Dayton to spend the holidays and will return to Kitty Hawk after new year's to perfect their invention.

## WARM WIRELETS.

The Senate has passed the bill providing for the construction of a lighthouse at Diamond Shoals, on the coast of North Carolina.

The Governor of Virginia has signed the bill appropriating $10,000 for a Virginia State building at the St. Louis Exposition. The mansion is to be a reproduction of the mansion at Monticello, the home of Jefferson.

The second torpedo boat flotilla, under command of Lieutenant Marbury Johnson, arrived at Charleston, S. C., from Norfolk yesterday and will probably leave for the southward this morning.

The jury in the case of J. F. Starke at Jacksonville, Fla., charged with the murder of John F. Angel, failed to agree on a verdict and was discharged after being out nineteen hours. Starke will be tried again in February. His plea was temporary insanity.

Lee Cribb, convicted of the murder of a young white boy aged 15, was hanged at Douglass, Ga. Cribb, while under the influence of whiskey, attempted to terrorize the town of Nicolas, killing the town marshal of that place, and afterward shooting the young white boy to depth.

## CELEBRATION AT NEW ORLEANS CITY

**In Commemoration of Transfer of Louisiana from France to the United States.**

**ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.**

**Programme Began With Review of the Fleet—Representatives of Spain and France Present—A Reception. Grand Ball at Night.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 18.—Favored with ideal weather, which made the naval review on the river a brilliant function, the series of three days' celebrations in commemoration of the transfer of the province of Louisiana from France to the United States, was inaugurated to-day. It was in New Orleans, on December 20th, a century ago, that the dramatic scene was enacted which gave the American republic an empire, and to-morrow, in the same room of the Cabildo, in which Gov. Claiborne and General Wilkinson received the transfer of the mighty territory, which only twenty days before the French had accepted from Spain, the events of that memorable day will have a ceremonial duplication.

So indissolubly linked are Louisiana and New Orleans with the historic details of the transfer that two years ago the Louisiana Legislature authorized an official celebration of the transfer. The Louisiana Historical Society was given control of the ceremonies. Invitations to participate were extended to Congress, the Federal government and to the President, and through the Secretary of State, to Spain, as prime figures in the changes of Louisania's sovereignty. Congress failed to pass the legislation necessary to send an official delegation of senators and representatives, but the Navy Department ordered Admiral Wise with four ships to be present and the French and Spanish governments accepted the invitation and arranged to be represented, the former by her ambassador and the cruiser Jurien de LaGraviere, and the latter by her consul and one of her warships, the Rio de Laplata, the latter of which, however, has not yet reached here. The management of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition gave the enterprise its cordial support and promptly accepted the invitation to its president and directors to attend. Under auspicious conditions the carrying out of the historical society's programme began at noon to-day with the review of the fleet.

The six warships were gaily dressed with the flags of the nations and presented a fine marine spectacle when the United States steamer Stranger put off from Canal street carrying the governor and his staff in full regalia and distinguished guests, who had been invited to accompany him, including President David R. Francis, of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and members of his board. The Stranger, brilliant with flags and bunting, with Governor Heard, Ambassador Jusserand and Senor J. Tueroy O Donnell, the Spanish consul, on the bridge, presented a picture of nautical beauty and animation as at the head of a fleet of steamers and tugs, she ran down one side of the fleet and then up the other, the marines and sailors manning the sides of the warships and the bands playing national airs.

After the review the Stranger anchored near the Minneapolis, and Admiral Wise, entering a cutter from the flagship, was rowed over to the governor's yacht to pay his respects to the State executive and the representatives of the two nations, which at different times owned the territory.

A general reception followed. Governor Heard was accompanied on his return calls by the ambassador and consul. The Minneapolis was first visited, then the French ship, and then the others of the American vessels. Salutes were fired almost continuously during the visits of the commanders and during the return calls.

The social event of the celebration was the ball given to-night in the French Opera House, which the naval officers, the French ambassador, the Spanish consul, President Francis and party, the governor, mayor, State and city officials and society leaders of New Orleans and of a number of other cities attended. The ball was under the direction of Miss Grace King, the authoress, and was a reproduction as regards costumes, decorations and environments of the epoch which marked Jefferson's purchase of the territory. The musical programme was divided into three sections, the first consisting of music written by masters of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, the second of dances of the period, and the third of dances and promenades by modern authors. The grand entree which opened the ball gave the effect of a brilliant court reception, the marchers being dressed in the costumes of Colonial days. Fifty couples danced a minuet and gavotte.

An elaborate series of ceremonies has been arranged for to-morrow.

**Entered a Residence.**

An unknown white man whose description has been furnished to the police, entered Mr. Hugh MacRae's residence on Market street yesterday morning. The man walked boldly into the house but when his presence was discovered he began to stammer out an explanation and backed out of the house. Mr. MacRae was not at home at the time but he promptly reported the matter upon his return.

**Church Notices.**

First Baptist Church. Preaching to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., by Rev. John Bass Shelton, of Chester, S. C. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Prayer and Praise service Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, D. D., pastor. Divine services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath School at 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public invited. Seats free.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, corner Front and Queen streets, Rev. C. W. Trawick pastor, services to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. by the pastor. Men's prayer meeting at 10:30 A. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting at 8 P. M. The public is cordially invited to these services.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. Morning prayer and address, 11 A. M. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:45 P. M. Sunday School, 3:30 P. M.

Southside Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster. Services Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Young Men's meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Bladen Street Methodist Church, corner of Fifth and Bladen streets. Rev. Geo. B. Webster, pastor. Services Sunday 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school, J. B. Taylor, superintendent, 3:30 P. M; Mid-week praise service Wednesday 7:30 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

Brooklyn Baptist Church, corner Fourth and Brunswick Sts. Rev. J. L. Vipperman, pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Weekly prayer and praise meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to all services.

Ladies' and Gents' solid gold and gold filled watches. J. T. Burke, Jeweller, No. 27 South Front street.

I guarantee each article, and the price will suit you, as I am striving to please the public. J. T. Burke, Jeweller.


## XMAS----A. D. BROWN.---XMAS

**Xmas Suggestions for the Holidays.**

You cannot afford to spend days and hours in search of Christmas Presents. You will look the city over and find no better assortment or better value than in this Store. In all articles our line is complete and you get your money's worth and prices within the reach of all.

**Our Rugs, Carpets, Art Squares and Mattings are Fine.**

Attention is called to the assortments of Fancy Goods, Neckwear, Dress Patterns and trimmings to match.

Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas are the best.

Our Chinaware is something to think of.

New Gimps, Dressing Cases and Bags and Leather Goods are useful things to have.

Fancy Table Linens, Scarfs, Tray Covers and Fancy Doylies; all kinds of hemstitched goods for presents.

Blankets, Robes, Comforts, Couch Covers, Portiers, Pillow Tops, Sofa Pillows; too numerous to mention.

**We want to close out our Furs and Cloaks for the season.**

**We invite you all to see them.**

We are Agents for A. Reker's Perfumes and Toilet Requisites.
We are Agents for Butterick's Patterns.
We are Agents for the American Lady Corset.

Our goods are all substantial for Presents and the best that the market can afford. Make us a visit and judge for yourself. dec 16 tf

## Do You Need a Tuxedo Suit for the Holidays?

If so, let us have your order at once.

We have many things to offer our friends and patrons, which would not only make handsome but useful Xmas Presents.

We are showing a swell line of Neckwear.

Have you seen our Dress Suit Protectors, Gloves, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

**Umbrellas and Canes.**

**M. H. Curran.**

Merchant Tailor and Men's Furnisher, next door to Orton Hotel. dec 16 tf

## For Xmas Presents.

**Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Tea Sets, Jardineers, Statuary, Fancy Vases, Cut Glass**

In endless variety. Place your orders now to avoid the rush.

**BISSINGER'S CHINA PARLOR,**

dec 8 tf 119 Market Street.


**PRETTY WEDDING AT GODWIN.**

**Mr. Walter Council Vick Claims a Fair Cumberland Bride—Bridal Tour.**

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

GODWIN, N. C., Dec. 17.—It has rarely been the fortune of the people of our little town to witness a more beautiful wedding than that yesterday afternoon in the Presbyterian church, when Mr. Walter Council Vick led to the altar Miss Sallie E Wade, the lovely and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wade. The church was beautifully decorated with Southern smilax and holly and lighted by a myriad of tiny candles. The wedding marches were artistically rendered by Miss Myrtle Wade and the bridal party entered in the following order: The ushers, Mr. Marshall Hall, of Fayetteville; Mr. Busbee Pope, of Dunn; Mr. McCoy Wade and Mr. Ike Smith; Miss Lillian McClellan, first bridesmaid, with Mr. Will Starling; then opposite each other down either aisle, Miss Nora Council, of South Carolina, with Dr. J. W. McLean, and Miss Zora Culbreth, of Clinton, and Mr. Marvin Wade.

The bride, handsomely attired in a going away gown of blue, came down the left aisle with the maid of honor, Miss Kathleen Vick, who wore pink organdie and a black picture hat. They were met at the altar by the groom, with his best man, Mr. Walter R. Nye, of Wilmington. In a very short and impressive service, Rev. Stedman Black spoke the words that made them man and wife. The bridal party left the church to the joyful strains of Mendelssohn's March.

The bride and groom left on the 4 o'clock south bound train for an extended Southern tour.

**FAREWELL PERFORMANCE TO-NIGHT.**

**At Matinee and Night Harris-Parkinson Company Will Say Good-Bye.**

"The Stains of Guilt" was presented at the Academy last night by the Harris-Parkinson Company and was witnessed by a fair sized audience.

The company will say good bye with two performances to-day. This afternoon a special matinee will be given for the benefit of ladies and children, when the always popular "Rip Van Winkle" will be presented. The prices will be 10 and 20 cents and for this performance, as for the one to-night, when the thrilling western drama "The Scout" will be given a big scenic production. Tickets are now on sale at Plummer's.

**ODD FELLOW ELECTION.**

**Hanover Lodge Last Night Chose Officers for Ensuing Term**

Hanover Lodge No. 145, I. O. O. F., at its regular meeting last night elected officers for the ensuing term as follows:

S. P. G.—A. Silverman.
N. G.—Ed. F. Lewis.
V. G.—Jas. A. Jordan.
R. S.—Samuel G. Hall.
F. S.—C. F. Williams.
T.—W. H. Howell.
Trustees—Ed. F. Johnson, Ed. N. Penny, Jno. E. Wood.

**Prof. Leonard Resigns,**

Superintendent Catlett, who was delegated by the County Board of Education to arrange with Prof. J. L. Leonard for a continuation of his services as teacher of vocal music in the schools after Christmas, yesterday received a communication from Prof. Leonard stating that he could not accept the position any longer under the new conditions prescribed, and that he would return this week to his home in Statesville. The board desired Prof. Leonard to visit the schools seriatim at an increase of salary to $50, while he preferred to teach them ten days at a time in groups of three. Another teacher will be engaged as soon as possible.

**Discharging at S. A. L.**

The schooner "Aetna," 397 tons, Capt. Chipman, arrived from Carteret, N. J., yesterday with 500 tons of fertilizers which she will begin discharging for storage at the Carolina Central wharves this morning.

## BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms positively cash in advance

**Handsome** Reading Lamps, all kinds and prices. Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Company. dc 19 1t

**Wood** for sale, car load lots. All kinds of wood. For further information app y to R O. Applewhite, Cronly, N. C. dec 19 10t

**Sewing Machines,** Typewriters, Organs repaired. Will be in town for a few days only. Address J. B. Farrar, No. 9 South Eighth street. dec 30 tf

**For Sale**—Two turpentine stills in good working condition—one especially good. Cheap for cash C. W. Worth, receiver. dec 13 tf

**At Vann's** Cigar Store—Nice line of novelties in smoker's supplies for holiday gifts and personal use. See our windows for daily display and announcements. dec 18 t f

**Notice**—I have this day sold my entire interest in the firm of Gaston D Phares & Co. to Mary J. Phares, one of the members, and my connection with same firm will no longer exist. This December 9, 1903. J C. Jones. dec 12 1m

**For Sale**—Finest Berkshires. Three brood sows, two of them bred to farrow in March, two 7 months gilts, two 7 months boars, five sucking boar pigs, two boars 18 months old Bargains in each lot till January 1st. L. L. Sellar, Wilmington, N C. dec 6 6 mos.

**The** Only Restaurant, 102 Market street, is the only ladies' restaurant in the city. First-class in every respect. Open day and night. Terms reasonable. nov 12 tf

**Let us** put a new collar on your overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club, 307 Market street. oct 8 tf

**Wrapping Paper**—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

**Cabbage,** Apples, Onions, Irish Potatoes, Eggs and all kinds of produce at A. S. Winstead's to-day, 213 Market street. Both 'Phones. sep 5 tf

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**Offices** for rent in The Worth Building—the most convenient business location in the city. Modern equipment. Apply to The Worth Co. feb 18 tf

**Old** newspapers, suitable for wrapping paper, for sale at reduced prices, in quantities. Apply at the office of THE MORNING STAR Je 21 tf

## Commissioner's Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court made in the special proceeding of Mary E. Willis, Executrix of J. W. Willis vs. M. E. Willis et al., the undersigned commissioner will expose for sale to the highest bidder at public auction for cash at the Court House door in the city of Wilmington, N. C., at 12 o'clock M., on Saturday, the 30th of January 1904, the following lots of land situate in said city:

1st. Lot beginning at a point in northern line of Wooster street, 180 feet west of W. line of Ninth street, runs west with said line of Wooster street 67 feet, north parallel with Eighth street 66 feet, east parallel with Wooster 67 feet, south parallel with Eighth street 66 feet to beginning. Part Lot 6, Block 68.

2nd. A lot beginning on the N. line of Wooster street at a point 130 feet west of W. line of Eleventh street, runs thence north parallel with said line of Eleventh street 66 feet, west 65 feet south, 66 to Wooster street, E. with northern line of Wooster street 65 feet to beginning. Part of Lot 6 Block 18

3rd. Lot beginning at a point in Lot 3, Block 38, 84 feet from western line of Ninth street, north, parallel with Ninth street 84 feet, with Dawson 32 feet, thence south parallel with Ninth street 88 feet, east parallel with Dawson street, 32 feet to beginning.

4th. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Mulberry and Fourteenth street, runs with western line of Fourteenth street 114 feet, west parallel with Mulberry street 80 feet to small branch, southeast with the run thereof to northern line of Mulberry street, eastwardly to the beginning; same being less by 10 feet on Fourteenth street than the whole lot and being east end of L—, block 470. WALTER G. PFORD, Commissioner.

dec 19 1m

**Now is a good time to ship live Turkeys to the**

**UNLUCKY CORNER.**

**We need them in our business.**

**S. W. SANDERS.**

Both Phones 109. de 16 tf


## We Try to Make All Hearts Happy on CHRISTMAS DAY.

First comes the little ones who wish Old Santa to bring them a bag of toys. Old Santa Claus has given us a great assortment of Toys to keep for him and we have them nicely displayed in our store where you can easily make your selection of whatever you may want. Little folks are cordially invited to come down and leave their order for Santa with us and we will have them filed to the best of our ability. Our assortment of Dolls is by far larger and better than we have ever shown before. We have a handsome line of hand-made Dolls that are beauties. Ladies who wish Dolls that are up-to-date, with real hair, can get them from us from $1 to $6 each.

In our men's clothing department we are making special efforts to sell clothing. Our stock was never better nor more complete. We have suits for everybody; suits that fit, and suits that wear. We sell Silverman's clothes that are equal to tailor-made suits, and the prices are right. We have them from $8 up $15. They have every point of excellence that tailor-made suits have—padding, lining, fit and style; the only difference is in the price, and that is in your favor. Why not save money? "A dollar saved is a dollar made." We have as good clothing as other merchants and sell it cheaper, mainly from the fact that we do not have to depend sorely on the clothing business; but it only represents one line among many others. We have good strictly all wool suits that we sell for $5, and good suits even cheaper if you desire them. A serviceable, well made suit as low as $2.98, $3.50 and $4.95. And overcoats, too; our sales have been wonderful. We have just received two large shipments of new coats; we can fit you up in a good coat for $5, and a splendid Oxford grey, all wool coat, full length and serviceable, at $6.50. Well, our $8 and $10 coats are beauties. We are making a special run on the boys' suits; we are selling $4 suits that are beautiful patterns, strictly all wool, for boys from 7 to 16 years old, for $2.98. A big line of boys' all wool pants, every seam taped and patent waist bands, as low as 50c a pair; something real nice in boys' pants at 75c, and something extra nice at 98.

**Gents' Fancy Vests.**

For the holiday season, buy a fancy vest. We have them in white and colors, $1.50 to $3 50 each.

**Rain Proof Coats.**

For heavy weather we have a rain proof, water tight coat that we are selling for $1.50 each. We have an elegant rubber coat made for cold weather that we are selling for $2.50 each. In our clothing department we carry a full stock of gents' furnishing goods, laundried and unlaundried shirts, white, grey and red flannel underwear. A full line of cotton fleeced underwear for 40c. and 50c. A full line of men's hosiery, fancy hose at 10c. a pair; 25c. imported hose at 19½c. a pair. Collars and a full line of gents' ties. We feel that our clothing department is equal to any of its kind in the city, where you can get anything you may want in that line.

**Men's Hats.**

We have recently made a large purchase in men's hats. We are selling a $1 25 hat for 75c; a $1.50 hat for $1; a $2 hat for $1 25. These hats are all new and stylish and are of the very best make. We bought them cheap and we are selling them cheap. Buy a hat from us and save money.

**Our Millinery Department.**

In this department you will find that we have lots of new ribbon for the Christmas trade. No. 1, in fancy colors, is the best quality of satin at 1c a yard, 10c a roll; we have a full line of No. 2 ribbon at 2½c a yard or 25c a roll; No. 5 ribbon at 40c a roll; No 22 we sell at 10c a yard; Nos. 40 and 60 we sell at 15c a yard; No. 80 at 20c a yard; we have all kinds of ribbon for Christmas trade and we would be glad if you would give our stock a trial. In ladies' hats we have just received a nice line of silk and velvet hats; also a splendid assortment in scratch felt hats of the very latest shapes. We are selling silk hats at 75c each, the same that we sold for $1 25 and our fine velvet hats that are $2 25 values are $1 50.

**Ladies' Cloaks.**

In ladies' cloaks we have a big variety to show. New goods received almost every day by express. We keep them coming our way for their wraps and why? Because we sell them right. We punch cards with every cash purchase except for toys and give presents free. Get your card punched before Christmas so we can give you either a nice globe lamp, a nice oak table, a cane-seated rocking chair or a set of fine china, gold band, cups, saucers and plates, or a beautiful glass water set. These presents we give with a twenty-five dollar card. If you have no card, ask for one. Our presents are in thousands of homes in Wilmington and surrounding country and we would like to add you to the list at The Big Racket Store, 208 and 210 North Front street, Wilmington, N. C.

**Geo. O. Gaylord,**

PROPRIETOR.

dec 15 tf 208 and 210 North Front Street.

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## New Suit of Clothes

**and feel that it's "just right"—that you are comfortably, becomingly attired, and that no one can take exception to the fabric, fit and style of your garments. Anything else is—well! useless, no matter what it costs.**

Not a day but we inspire critical men with confidence in our ability to perfectly meet all their sartorial needs and wishes without strain upon their patience or pocketbooks.

It only remains for YOU to prove us, when we will number you among the thousands who have learned to trust all their clothing troubles to us.

**THE A. DAVID CO.**

dec 13 tf

## 283 NEW CLOAKS!

**We Are Receiving Daily New Cloaks.**

Will have to arrive this week 283 all styles.

No. 331, a lady's Coat, made of the best material, full military finish, long Cape, all colors, at $6.98; they have been $10. Our best Coats $16.50. Same Coat, full Silk lined, latest style $12.50 in all colors. Some stores selling them for $20.

No. 381, Black and light Chocolate or Castor Coat, best goods, without Cape, at $5.98; has been selling at $8.

No. 461, A good Coat in latest style at $2.98. We have the box or light back and will guarantee to save you from $2 to $6 on a Coat. I also have a full line of Misses long Coats from 65c to $6.75 each.

Don't forget our 69c Kid Gloves; they are the same other stores charge you $1 and $1.50 for.

**MILLINERY.**

Our fine Pattern Hats will go at Cost; $10 Hats $7, and $8 Hats for $5. and $5 Hats for $3.50, $16 Hats for $10. Our ready to wear Hats that were $3.75; all reduced to $1.50.

Misses' and Children's Hats that was $1 75 now 75c.

A new line of very fine Furs, something fine for Christmas presents. $1.95, $3.50, $5, $6 and $8.

A new lot of wide Lace Collars $3.98, $1, $1 50, $3; the collar with stole effect, Batenburg work; come nearly to waist, for $2.50.

A new lot of fine Skirts to arrive Tuesday, December 15th.

Waist, Stock Collars, Silk Mufflers.

**PARIS MILLINERY EMPORIUM,**

129 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.,

dec 15 tf Next to Bonits Hotel.

## To Wives and Those Who Soon Will Be!

"HE" can't get off during the day, BUT you can tell him, that, commencing Monday, December 14th,

**Parker, 206 North Front Street,**

will keep open 'till 9 P. M., every evening 'till December 25th. Now it is "up to you."

XMAS BUYERS will find Useful and Ornamental Presents from 10 cents to $100.

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A big line of Suits to retail at $10, neat designs and handsome patterns.

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Pants to fit anybody, any size and length.

You can save money by seeing our line before purchasing.

Suits to order from $13.50 up.

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